

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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DREWE et al.)
) Art Unit: **1637**
Serial No. **09/744,489**)
) Examiner: **Suryaprabha Chunduru**
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For: **NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION BY**)
TRIPLE HELIX FORMATION)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 16, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also request a three-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 16, 2007, now set to expire April 16, 2008. The required fees are submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 10 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the United States Patent & Trademark Office on April 16, 2008 through its EFS-Web electronic filing system.

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